

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 were considered by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 3-10 stand rejected by the Examiner. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-10 are pending.

In a reply filed by applicant August 13, 2007, applicant amended claim 1 to overcome an Objection due to informalities in the claim language. This amendment was entered by Examiner in the Office Communication dated August 24, 2007.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC Sec. 103

Claims 1 and 3-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kihira et al (US 6,447,303) in view of Potega (US 2003/0186592).

Claim 1 as amended teaches:

1. (currently amended) A headset charging interface system:
a wiping contact interface comprising a first wiping contact and a second wiping contact;
and
a plug interface for receiving a male plug, the plug interface comprising a spring coil contact and a pin contact, wherein the spring coil contact is coupled to the first wiping contact and the pin contact is coupled to the second wiping contact, wherein the first wiping contact and the second wiping contact are electrically coupled to a rechargeable battery first terminal and a rechargeable battery second terminal at a headset and operable to transfer charging power to the battery, allowing either the wiping contact interface or the plug interface to be used to transfer charging current, and wherein the wiping contact interface and the plug interface are disposed in a portable rechargeable device housing such that either the wiping contact interface or the plug interface may be used to couple to a charger to receive charging current.

In the previous Office action dated November 14, 2006, claims 2 and 11 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim.

In applicant's response filed February 13, 2007, claim 1 was amended to include the allowable subject matter in claim 2. In addition, certain different language was deleted from

claim 1, which Examiner states prevented allowance of the claim. In this response, claim 1 has been amended to add the language deleted in Applicant's February 13, 2007 response.

Thus, claim 1 now includes the allowable subject matter of claim 2 from the Office Action dated November 14, 2006 as indicated by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that pending claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 3-5

Claims 3-5 are dependent on claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-5 are patentable over Kihira in view of Potega at least for the reasons stated above with respect to the patentability of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-5.

Claim 6

6. (currently amended) A charging interface system comprising:
a wiping contact interface comprising:
 a first wiping contact for mating with an associated charger first spring loaded contact;
 a second wiping contact for mating with an associated charger second spring loaded contact; and
 a dual use aperture for receiving a member for detenting or aligning the first wiping contact with the associated charger first spring loaded contact and for detenting or aligning the second wiping contact with the associated charger second spring loaded contact; and
a plug interface comprising:
 a first plug interface contact electrically coupled to the first wiping contact;
 a second plug interface contact electrically coupled to the second wiping contact;
and
 the dual use aperture for receiving a plug connector
, wherein the wiping contact interface is electrically coupled to the terminals of a rechargeable battery at a headset and is operable to transfer charging power to the battery, allowing either the wiping contact interface or the plug interface to be used to transfer charging

current, and wherein the wiping contact interface and the plug interface are disposed in a portable rechargeable device housing such that either the wiping contact interface or the plug interface may be used to couple to a charger to receive charging current.

In the previous Office action dated November 14, 2006, claims 2 and 11 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim.

In applicant's response filed February 13, 2007, claim 6 was amended to include the allowable subject matter in claim 11. In addition, certain different language was deleted from claim 6, which Examiner states prevented allowance of the claim. In this response, claim 6 has been amended to add the language deleted in Applicant's February 13, 2007 response.

Thus, claim 6 now includes the allowable subject matter of claim 11 from the Office Action dated November 14, 2006 as indicated by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that pending claim 6 is allowable.

Claims 7-10

Claims 7-10 are dependent on claim 6. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7-10 are patentable over Kihira in view of Potega at least for the reasons stated above with respect to the patentability of claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-10.

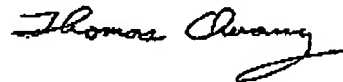
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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